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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **METHOD OF FORMING A DUAL DAMASCENE VIA BY USING A METAL HARD
MASK LAYER**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 24 page(s) of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 7 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawings
- ☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☐ Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. ' 119
- ☐ Certified copy of
- ☒ An assignment conveying title in instant application to **UNITED MICROELECTRONICS CORP.**, with PTO Form 1595.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | | \$.00 |
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